

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 26, 2018

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 14: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Los Angeles River Community and Regional Planning.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant not to exceed \$50,000 in Proposition 1 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Los Angeles River Community and Regional Planning.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code and Section 79735(a) of the Water Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 1 grant application from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a detailed description. The grant request is for \$50,000 to assist a regional planning summit for discussion of the reciprocal impacts of parks on homelessness and homelessness on parks and natural spaces, and follow up development of a best practices report to recommend to agencies for implementation. The summit will bring together a wide range of agency and parks representatives, community stakeholders and advocacy organizations to examine these impacts, identify innovative strategies to relieve homelessness along the Los Angeles River and adjacent communities, and form a comprehensive parks response to needs of the region's most vulnerable populations. The first planned step is a full day regional summit on homelessness that will take place in August 2018.

Scoring under the Conservancy's revised Proposition 1 Project Planning and Design grant Guidelines results in the project receiving 73 points (out of a possible 86; 61 minimum required), plus 3 out of 4 climate change value points, plus 20 out of 25 possible points under Additional Criteria. Total points: 96 (out of a possible 115). Staff recommends award of \$50,000 for this project.